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TRIAL TRANSCRIPT NOTES

PEGGY HUDGINS TESTIMONY

- Jeannie Wilson and Maude Francis, 2 15-year-olds from Jersey, staying there. 73
- Cleaning up Alex 98
- Q -- Woman calls HQ night of Seale speech, wants help looking for missing girl Diane Tomey. Peggy brought message to Battell, handed it to Landon 119
- Q -- Sams had people go out that night to start seeking Diane. 124
- Ericka takes phone call Tuesday a.m. around 6, writes down, gives to Lonnie. Loretta, Lonnie and Peggy drive to JFK in Warren's car. 132
- Lonnie says, "I'm going to the bus stop to drop the brother off. I'll be right back." 163-4
- Sams to Warren: "I'm going for a ride. Come with me." Warren: "Okay." 166
- Men left with Alex Tuesday night, May 20, around 11 p.m, 11:30. p. 178
- Q -- After Seale speech, Sams sends a delegation to look for Tomey. He said, "You had better find her or the wrath of the army will come down on you." 219
- Warren carried boiling water downstairs. Ericka didn't. 263
- 9/27/70 Peggy pleaded guilty to aggravated assault. (WHY?) 264
- She'd spent more than a year in jail. She had arthritis; it was getting worse; no proper treatment. She had small kids. 325
- May 17 day-long retreat with Ericka and Rory 266-276
- May 20 (after Alex murder, so really wee hours of May 21)—Sams asks Loretta to play records. "Every time she played a record he didn't like, he slapped her... He told her to recite the Ten Point Program and she didn't do it twoo well, so she had to do sit-ups... Deep knee-bends, like, and she was doing it for quite a while and she started crying and everything and saying that she had polio at one time and her legs were hurting her, but he told her to continue... Yes, he pointed a gun at her.. at her head." 279-80
- This happened around 4, 4:30 a.m. 284

MROCZKA TESTIMONY

- Found body half submerged in water, lying on its back. 335

VOLUNTEER FIREMAN SANTO FAMA TESTIMONY

- State trooper William Leonard had two volunteer firemen, including Fama, watch body while he took Mroczka to make the call. Leonard was resident state trooper in Middlefield. Got first call, between 4:30 and 5. 345

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WARREN TESTIMONY

- On 5/13 He meets Loretta Luckes the first time; on the stand Warren answers more than he's asked by Markle. Roraback objects: Say yes or no. 366
- Another meeting 5/15 basement of 365 Orchard. Landon sez Ericka the only real Panther. Central Committee (Landon) 378. Note from a nearby page: Rory brought the gun.
- Sat 5/17 PE class, brother falls asleep. Rory makes him do 100 pushups. Then he himself does 80, Warren does 70 or 80... 402
- Sat night, bunch of them return to New York. Warren goes out to car with Landon. Landon gives him posters, books. "literatures" "I asked him, 'What shall we do with Alex? Was he going back with him? He told me, 'No, Alex was going to stay down there.' He wasn't 'right,' and that George had to get some information with him.... 'I came back to the house with a box of records, posters, and all that stuff. We sat in the living room, Alex and myself, rolling posters. And after we finished rolling the posters, one of the sisters was assigned to go to bed with Alex, to try to get some information from him.' George gave her a pill to stay awake first. 408-410
- Part 1 of Alex's discipline on Sunday was the "panther stick" 413
- Before boiling water, "George told him, he said that, for lying to the sister, and stuff like that, he was going to be expelled from the Party. That, we asked him, where he was from? He said, 'Jacksonville, Florida.' And we asked him, he was being kicked out of the Party, not to be caught around any Panther Chapters again. And wehre did he want to go? He said he wanted to go to New York. So George told me to call the bus station and find out how much it would cost for him to go to New York." 414
- "I called the bus station, and George laid the money out there for him. Alex went outside and sat down. And then he came back in the house and George told him to to leave. He wanted his coat. He said he couldn't find his coat. So everybody searched the whole house, looking for his coat, and we couldn't find his coat nowhere in the house. I don't know if he really came down with a coat... Goerge told him that he felt, well, "Brother I don't really think you want to leave... and I think you are the pig... We are going to take you downstairs and we are going to ask you some more questions." 415-6
- Alex is told to "read" the 10-point program from panther paper Warren gave him. Said he couldn't. "A noose was placed around his neck, thrown up over the joist... Lonnie had the noose over his neck." Again said he couldn't. Sams: "Brother, this calls for more discipline." They hit him more. He was stood up in middle of floor again. Warren gave him the paper, said read. He started to "read or mimmick it." 418-9
- So George Sams says "We are going to tie him up and get some information from the brother." Was tied up in a chair with arms, low to floor. Arms and legs tied to chair. Also tied around the wist. George said, "Get some hot water." Lonnie and Ericka go upstairs, Lonnie comes back with it. 420

- George orders a gag put on Alex. Then George pours hot water on him. Alex squirms, tosses, tries to move away. Then George throws cold water on him. Warren sends Lonnie for the tape records. 421-22 (Then tape recording starts...)
- Tape 1 hour. 426
- (Comments by David Rosen refers to Nick Pastore: "The Seale investigation, as Pastore referred to it in the McLucas trial..." 457

STEPHEN AHERN TESTIMONY

- May 21st, around 12:45? "Sgt. Pastore from the INtelligence Divison" calls Steve. "He told me that he had information that an automobile was going to be used to transport a person or a body from 365 Orchard Street; the subject was about to be murdered or was murdered..." 491
- Then around 8 p.m. on the 2st, Sgt. DeRose, "who was on duty at the Detective Division" called Ahern at home. "He told me that a male negro body was found in Middlesex County, and the subject had been murdered, shot in the head, and he had been removed to the Middlesex Hospital." Steve went to office, told "men to come in to work, contact their informants, set up surveillance at the Panther Headquarters." At 9, talked to state cop, at Middlesex Hospital morgue; they'd found letter in pocket addressed to "Chirman Bobby," signed by Ericka. Steven said they'd send a photo of Jose G, "who we thought might be the sbject." 492
- Same hour FBI comes back to Ahern with fingerprints, and 14 possibilities. Includes Alex Rackley, who'd once been arrested in Florida. "We Called Florida," verified the prints. 494
- Around 10, Ahern meets informant on first floor detective division, with Sgts. DeRosa and Nick. She tells them about "Brother Alex" being tortured, the trial being recorded, Ericka and Warren and "an unknown subject by the name of Sam," among others present.
- Then they brought in Frances Carter for interview. 494 Sgt. Buchanan brought Frances from Bridgeport around 11:30, 40 547
- Frances id's herself as secretary of NH chapter. Tells about what went on with Alex's torture and aftermath 495 Tells of the taping that took place in basement (498)
- Ahern shoved color Polaroid photo of Rackley's body under Carter's nose and yelled at her. "Isn't that the man, isn't that the man?" 561
- Conversation with her ends around midnight. 496
- Ahern gets "most of my detectives together, and some uniform personnel, and we got vests, we had a meeting." Told them would bust. "I instructed them there was children on the premises, there was weapons. I said we are going to enter the premises as quickly as possible and use extreme caution, because there was children. I equipped them men with bullet-proof vests, and I instructed them and led them to 365 Orchard Street." 496
- Spoke to state cop again, who said reporters at morgue, radio would have murder shortly. Ahern wanted to stop the story, couldn't. Told his cops: "not to shot

anybody or to have any gunplay if we could help it, and to get in there as quickly as possible..." 498

- "I instructed Detective White to warn all the people of their rights, record their names, to have the children removed with some responsible people, to have them take care of them, and I had them transported to different homes." 499 Nick found the tap recording. Detective Lundgren found the .45 502
- The first detective division meeting had been at 8 p.m. 503 Gunderson and other FBI people had been in Ahern's office that night while this was going on. 507
- Each cop assigned a floor 509
- DeRosa broke window on door, put hand through, and opened it. 512
- Ericka was sitting, Warren was stretched out. 513
- Ahern announced "You're under arrest for murder." 515
- Panthers arrested on premises: Ericka, Warren, Maude Francis, Jeannie Wilson, Margaret Hudgins (6 of 'em) 525
- Sylvia not arrested 'til 4 or 5, after her conversation with cops. 527
- 10 p.m. interview with female informant Ahern came in while conversation in progress, with DeRosa. 537 She had helped with previous cases that led to arrest, most recently '64 or '65. 539 She had ealt directly with Ahern in past, but he hadn't seen her in 3 or 4 years. 543
- Gunderson accompanied Ahern to premises 570
- Search at Ethan Gardens continues well past dawn. Some items here seized. Continues days more. 584

OFFICER VINCENT PERRICONE TESTIMONY

-- Wollensack 3-M tape recorder 659

BILLY WHITE TESTIMONY

- was still a patrolman in May 1969, assigned to detective division. He was at Ethan Gardens around 12:45 a.m. to 8:15 ish, searching. Regular shift was 4 p.m. to midnight. 668-9

VINCENT DEROSA TESTIMONY

- he conducted the female informant interview. Ahern took part, not all the time. DeRosa called her around 9:35 p.m., after Ahern said to call people. She came down 682-6
- Knocked on door before bashing window. 694
- "20-30" cops and agents present for the raid... (not sure which page)
- Vinnie calls him "Warren" at arrest. Knew him, too. Unlike Billy, wasn't his friend... 697
- Pre-raid, garage under detective division, issued bulletproof vests 710
- Roraback: They had 1 ½ hours to get a search warrant. They chose not to. Even if didn't 'need it, way 2 extensive a search. So illegal too. (726) Mimeograph stencils for Free Breakfast program? Address books, eyeglass frames... (earlier in testimony)

DETECTIVE STANLEY LUNDGREN TESTIMONY

- Det. Lundgren arrested Sulvia. Said for murder. A 'matron' came for her and two kids. 753

PATROLMAN DENNIS RYAN TESTIMONY

- Ryan arrested Ericka. A matron took her to headquarters. Billy White advises each of them individually of their rights. 794, 7

MORE WARREN KIMBRO TESTIMONY

-- David Rosen calls the tapes "a kind of 'theatre' for Sams—playing them is theater, leaving out the "complete picture," what happens "backstage" "when the tape is turned off." 849 Alex talking on tape for half hour or 40 minutes is "40 minutes" of prejudicial "narration." 857

-- Transcripts of interrogation handed to jurors to follow as tape is played... 882

-- Warren on stand as tape played: asked to i.d. background voices. 902

-- After Ericka says, "So, that basically what happened with Brother Alex and he's going to begin to tell us what, you know, what's really going on. You see. We have to know this." Then Warren starts the interrogation. "What's your name?" Then "Name names nigger." 910-11

-- Ericka does through in a question. "Give his real name." 912

-- At some point, Sams takes over, and basically runs the rest of the show. 916

-- Different-speed something-else intrudes: a Yale basketball games 931

-- Rackley sent upstairs to take shower afterwards. Lonnie and Warren escort him. Edwards is there, denies accusation that he's an informer now tied up. 953-4 (Note: Makes tape before leaving, denying informer...)

-- Alex gets bandage on left shoulder, clean undies. 964 The women and men all up there with him.

-- Ericka, George, Warren, Maude and Loretta go to Hartford for Powell event. Return around 7:30. 965

-- Alex had swollen eye that night when Warren returns. Fever. Should take to hospital? Discuss it. Nah, tie him up. 966-8 Tied with ace bandages to bed by wrists and ankles.

-- Then Landon comes in, walks in, turns to leave, turns back around, "decided that Alex wasn't tied secure enough and that we should tie him with hanger wires." NOT during Seale visit; this is still Sunday night. So "We wired Alex to the bed with hanger wires." Rory, Landon, Warren and Lonnie, while others watched. Then they went downstairs to basement listen to the tapes: the guys, Rory, Landon, Warren, Sams. 972-4

-- Then Warren and Landon have conversation. "He had already seen Alex's name appeared on an indictment in New York, so I asked him what we should with Alex now, and he said we would hold him until Bobby came... We went back upstairs..." 979

-- Monday a.m., pre-Seale. Warren checks with probation department to make sure he's allowed in Connecticut. Picked up a Western Union telegram for Bobby, too. He had made arrangements for visit with Bobby's secretary Rosemary. 981 After picking

up the telegram, Warren and Ericka meet Seale entourage, Landon part of it,, around Pegnataro's complex off George Street. 983-4

9 -- When they go to Ericka's apartment, Mr. and Mrs. Huggins show up! They come up to the kitchen where everyone is gathered. "They asked Bobby about what had happened to the fellows who had murdered their son in California... He didn't know himself." June Hilliard answered. "June had said something that they had went to trial and they got convicted." Hugginses leave. 987-9

9 -- Chairman Brothers from NY goes to store to get milk and doughnuts. Landon orders Warren to watch window to make sure Brothers doesn't call the cops. 989

9 -- Warren drives Landon, June, Rory to Orchard Street. They go upstairs to see Alex. George Sams was there in bedroom. "Alex asked June if Chairman Bobby was going to have him killed, and June told him he wasn't concerned with him, he was a pig, and he just looked at him, checkedc him to see how he was, and we went downstairs and listened to the tapes. 991-4

7 -- Thent hey went to basement and played the tape. June then returns to Ericka's. Warren starts directing people: go to Battell with posters, records, buttons and newspapers. 995

9 -- Warren gets to Battell at 8. AHEAD of Bobby. He "checked to see if everyboedy was selling posters, who was on security, and just what the (security) setup was." Bobby shows up around 9. 996

9 -- Speech ends around 10:30 "Landon and Ericka asked me to find another place for Bobby to meet with the people." "I called several places but they were closed." Already, most people back at 365 had gone to look for Diane Tomey 998-1000.

9 -- After hanging with Ericka, Rory, Landon, while Bobby asleep, Warren returns from Ericka's house to home. He finishes counting money from posters and buttons sales, put them in a closet, went downstairs, fell asleep. 1013-4

10 -- Tuesday, Warren records receipts in the book, has appointments with people coming to the house. 1015

10 -- Reporter comes to meet with them. Landon says he shouldn't be there. Landon and Rory order Warren to have him leave, which Warren does... 1017

-- Getting ready to take Alex out:

10 -- "Landon again reprimanded George for not having Alex ready to take out. And told us to get Alex ready to take him out." 1026

-- Rory had said that we needed a car, and we needed somebody from Hartfor for more weapons. I prepared to get a car. And Lonnie started calling Hartford to get somebody else to come down, and some more hand guns. 1027-8

-- Rory said. "And since we was going to take Alex out, he said, "We may as well get George Edwards and take care of them at the same time." So Warren tried to call George. 1029

-- "Lonnie couldn't make any headway with the people in Hartford." 1031 "I reprimanded Mr. McLucas for using the words, 'political power,' which was a code for hand gun, over the phone with Hartford." 1033

-- Warren calls Hartford, gets same story about the guns. 1034

-- Landon tells Warren to get Lonnie dark clothes. "I got Lonnie a Navy blue jacket and some pants." 1036

-- Came back upstairs. Landon said to put on dark clothes. 1037

-- Then "Ericka took some of the girls downstairs to get some clothes for Alex." Then "we dressed Alex" in the bedroom. He was tied up. Cut loose to be dressed. 1038-9 Nehru jacket...

10 -- Taking Alex downstairs: "Alex was a little shaky and he wanted to sit down." Not allowed to. Landon wouldn't let him. Landon, Rory, Warren led him out. His hands were tied, two ropes on his hands. Landon in front of him with the .45 (concealed under a black leather coat; p. 1058), Warren behind holding the ropes. Came through hallway, downstairs, through living room, back out through kitchen. 1049-51

--In kitchen, included Ericka, Rory, others. Hangar wire is sticking up behind Rackley's neck. Jacket thrown over wire; dark green fatigue material jacket. 1052-3

-- Landon leads way outside, then Alex, then Warren. Sams and Lonnie in car. 1059.

-- Sams sat behind Warren. Landon hands Sams the gun. 1062

-- Landon says, "Right on, all power to the people." "We said, 'Right on.'" 1064

-- Took 1-91 1068

-- It was around midnight or 12:30. It was dark and foggy. Hood let and left up on the car. 1070

-- George and Warren take Alex out of car. Alex went first, then Warren, then Lonnie, then George. 1072

-- "This is from National. Ice him" Sams to Warren after handing him gun. 1091

10 ■ Back at the apartment, "had" his shoes washed off. All windows that were open in basement, he had them shut. He cleaned the .45, put it back in the coffee table drawer in the living room. Sat down and listened to some records." "Then everybody smoked some marijuana." 1099-1100

■ Next morning, Landon and Rory and Sams leave. "They left the gun with me when they left, so I put it up in my dresser drawer."

■ Mid-May, Rory, Warren and Ericka spoke at Choate mid-May. Probably around the 15th...

■ Warren testified, under O's from Roraback, that Ericka not there for key Landon conversation before Landon left on Saturday night. 1121

10 ■ Ericka joined a shift looking for Diane Tomey in the afternoon of Tuesday.

■ Earl Overby was the guy he stabbed

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9 ■ Seale speech 77 minutes

■ Different versions of whether he "knew," had premonition, or what, when about whether Alex would be killed. One version: 1179.

10 ■ The big damning testimony against Ericka! "Rory was talking that we should have had a car stolen for this particular thing... We couldn't find a car, so then Landon said to use my car, so Ericka said, 'No, don't use his car. Warren's car is

too well know," so I called to get another car." 1184-5. Hadn't testified this before!

- q ■ Seale's speech played. Transcript starts 1208, with Ericka's intro.
- q ■ Superman's penis and being a punk. 1234, 5
- q ■ Seale announces Diane Tomey 1251
- q ■ Seale on Moynihan report! And next 1, too stupid a q, he makes it seem, technique, "repeat" it" That same power tripping. 1253
- q ■ Seale on "pigs." 1255
- q ■ He describes extortion, mafia tactics on black biz... and Yalies applaud! 1262

10⁷ ■ Incredible exchange about why Warren killed Alex! Out of Hannah Arendt? 1271

- g ■ When Seale arrived in town, they got wine and lemon juice from a package store. Warren and Landon got it. 1314
- 1 ■ Ericka heard the John and Bunchy news on the radio. Then "Elaine Brown came up and told her and apologized, something about it was her fault that John and Bunchy got shot." 1361
- Cros-x from Roraback about suddenly now he "remembers" it was Ericka's idea not to use Warren's car. 1381

STATE TROOPER GEORGE HEG TESTIMONY

- Description of clothes found on body: wire coat hanger on neck, multi-colored scarf around neck and shoulder, three pieces of tape and a bandage taken from right shoulder; piece of tape and rope taken from right wrist and from left wrist, two pieces of rope found in loops of waist of trousers, one pair of shorts and undershirt, Ace bandage around right arm. 1431

DURHAM MEDICAL EXAMINER CHARLES CHACE

- got the call to examine the body 1436
- better description of what he wore: blue purple Nehru shirt buttoned at neck. Multi-colored scarf flit in back of scarf, folded into Nehru shirt. Dark green trousers with a pin stripe. No shoes or stockings. 1475
- Found two gunshot wounds, one through chest next to left nipple, second behind left ear, traversing head and exiting behind and below right ear.

Trial Transcript Part 2

- Two docs examined George Sams. 1501

DR. ROBERT B. MILLER TESTIMONY

- Sams told Doc he believes he has a titanium plate in his head. Doc sez he's not so sure; x-rays showed just metal fragment. 1537
- Sams tested a "dull normal" at 75. 1543

DR. JOHN DONNELLY TESTIMONY

This second shrink is from the Institute of Living. Tons of credentials, pages worth described here 1574ff

MAUDE FRANCIS TESTIMONY

- Alex wore, she believes, a green and black shirt, black pants, and a pair of black "monster boots" when she met him at the apartment that Saturday. 1615
- Sams, in presence of Warren and Ericka (1617), demanded she sedue Alex to find out if he was an infiltrator. 1619
- They had sex. He said he wasn't an infiltrator, when she asked him "point blank" 1620
- Warren was the first to hit Alex with the stick, drawing blood.. 1622
- Rory wiped off the phone after Bobby used it at 365 Orchard around 4:30, 5 a.m. Bobby stopped to make a call but couldn't get thorough. 1630
- Maude was assigned to watch Alex on Tuesday afternoon. She was "disciplined for following asleep" on security duty. She had to do deep knee bends. Landon and Lonnie had come upstairs and discovered her asleep. 1632

GEORGE SAMS TESTIMONY

- Names of NYers in the car coming up to New Haven: Chairman Brothers, Brenda, Rosemaire, a young lady by the name of Tina, Zayd, Sams, Landon, Rackley. 1685
- Landon let people know right away that Alex was under suspicion. He'd suggested bringing up Alex. George asked Ericka if she had a "sister" to bed Alex. Ericka says yes and arranges it. MAJOR ACCUSATION 1688
- Claims they al participated in beating Alex in the basement. It was a procedure called a "mudhole" 1694
- The tape was made for Landon. He'd asked for tapes and reports. 1698
- Landon id'd Alex Rackley as being the Alex McKeever (SP? CHECK!) on the NY 21 indictment slip. 1713

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-- George claims that around 12:30, 1 a.m. after Bobby's speech, they were all upstairs in Alex's room, Bobby and the whole crew, and Bobby said, "Off the Motherfucker." 1721-3. A whole description on 1723 of conversation between Rackley and Seale and Landon.

-- Sams testifies on his 25th birthday. He was born in Mobile, Alabama. 1761

-- The first day Sams arrived in NYC (he's not sure if it was mid-April or mid-May), he beats Alex with a stick at Landon's insistence. 1772

-- He acknowledges he was kicked out of the party, says it was for stabbing a party member in the leg. 1780) 1780

-- In addition to beating up Rackley in NY, made him run around the block. Alex was guilty of "disrespecting the people" by coming in with his hair braided, "because the party doesn't believe in cultural nationalist statuses." 1789-90

- Sams claims a lotta NY Panthers suspected Alex of being an informer.
- Another Sams nickname: Madman #1 1894
- He was beat out of \$15 for the weed 1910
- Remarkable chewing out of Garry, and revealing his resentment at Seale. A coup for Garry. Goes on and on, beginning at 1911-12. But then it really gets going, he really explodes on this stuff, 1915-16, until Roraback objects and stops it.
- Extensive back and forth on philosophy of "reefers" between Garry and Sams. Comic relief. 1955
- Woody Allen-ish 4-ish pages of argument over Sams telling Landon about the "3,000 motherfucking times" or just "3,000 times" that Alex had allegedly lied. 1964
- Sams admits he woulda shot Warren and Lonnie if they'd disobeyed in the swamp! 1985
- "Panther stick" was about 4 feet long... 2001
- Sams busted end of first week of August (7th?), talks to FBI next dayish, later gives statement to DeRosa, who comes up. 2067-8
- From Sams, lots details change in versions over time, like whether or not Alex was gagged when they left the house that Tuesday night. 2108
- He says the gun went off Sunday a.m. in Warren's room. (Warren had said Friday a.m.) 2113
- Infuriatingly stupid testimony from Sams, another exchange on "3,000 lies." 2133

NICK PASTORE TESTIMONY

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- Nick now a county detective for Markle. 2183
 - Nick: Saw Seale at 365 Orchard around 11:15, about 10 minutes after leaving Battell. And Seale went inside. 2186 & 7
 - Seale's entourage left Battell in two cars: Warren's; and a Green '69 Dodge (2232) with NY plates, in which Bobby rode. (Elsewhere: Nick had Carreira (sp?) drive him to surveil; they regularly changed cars and drivers to avoid attracting attention. The Panthers pulled cars in to park illegally in front of archway on Ethan Gardens' side of street; only one side allowed parking on narrow two-way street). Bobby went inside 365 Orchard. 229-30
 - Seale shows up at 365 Orchard again at 5:20 a.m.

Trial Transcript 3

- Markle responds to Roraback asking judge to throw Out case at this point because no evidence, just a silent spectator. Markle says the tape is a huge deal, also Maude and the sex incident 2358-9
- Markle on the relevance of the Ericka tape again—2364-5
- Rosen, too, seeks dismissal of charges, for Seale. Notes that Kimbro and other prosecution witnesses contradicted Sams! 2393-4

CRAIG GOUTHIER TESTIMONY

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- Notes it was drizzling, damp night when Seale spoke 2462
 - Warren appeared to be "chairman," in charge, of NH chapter. Lonnie the lt.

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VALERIE WHITE TESTIMONY

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- (A member who traveled up from Bridgeport.) Sams told her with other Panthers to search for Tomey—with a rifle—"He reached under the couch and pulled out a gun and told us that if we didn't, we would have to answer to the wrath of the armed black people." After Seale speech. 2550

LINDA YOUNG (aka UKALI BETHEA) TESTIMONY

- Lived in same house as Sams in D.C. late '68 Saw him daily. Sams vowed to "get even one day" with Seale. 2593

SHIRLEY WOLTERDING TESTIMONY

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- Sams crashed at NYC pad she was in, april and May. Threatened after the killing to "do what he did to Alex" to her... Punched her in the face. She cried. "You should have seen Alex's face. Bang. Bang. You should have seen that motherfucker's face." "He said that he offed him because he thought he was a pig, and that he would off me as well." 2639
 - George beat Alex in the NYC chapter for wearing his hair in braids. Said he looked "like a pickaninny." 2642

ELIZABETH HUGGINS TESTIMONY (ERICKA'S MOM-In-LAW)

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- Met Ericka in autumn of 1967. Last saw her Nov. '67 before Jan. 69. 2699-70
 - '67 Ericka seems "very friendly, open." '69 funeral time and after: "Very Withdrawn." "Shy." "Quiet." 2701
 - Ericka got her own apartment "towards" the end of April. 2702

COZETTE JENKINS TESTIMONY (ERICKA'S MOM)

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- Ericka a girl scout in elementary school. Art club and school paper editor in jr. high 2706
 - As a kid, active in chich; in high school, volunteered to take less fortunate kids to shop on Sundays. Volunteered in summer with kids at community center. Went to Cheney (Cheyney?) Teachers College. 2nd year transferred to Lincoln U. Left in 3rd year. 2707-8

ELAINE BROWN TESTIMONY

- Met Ericka at L.A. Panther office around March '68 2713
- After John's shooting, Elaine B came with grew to deliver the news. Ericka makes coffee, starts packing stuff for baby to go elsewhere. 75 to 100 troops storm in. 2720
- At first, like in phone conversations with Elaine, Ericka is very withdrawn, could talk basically just about how much she missed John. 2728

ERICKA HUGGINS TESTIMONY

- Born 1/5/48 2808
- Working with poor kids at community center, had poor schooling, parents never around. It "made me want to do something for the children." 2812
- At Cheyney (sp?), she wanted to go into special ed, teach retarded and birth-defective children 2813
- she worked in a factory in L.A. before and then for a while during Panther work. Soldered pieces together for tachometers for cars. 2817
- "Communications secretary" for L.A. chapter. John was "deputy minister of information." Made public speeches for chapter. 2820-1
- She got calls that two bros were shot. John not mentioned. Had premonition. 2824
- LA cops charged her with 'conspiracy to commit murder.' Charges were subsequently dropped. 2832-3
- First new haven panther office in HPA was on Putnam Street
- Ericka also taught classes in New Haven at a non-BPP school run by lefties, the "Children's School." 2843
- Ericka's version of Sams talking about Alex at first, and the Maude Francis affair: 2864-6
- The book she "gave" to (not threw at, she claims) Alex was "Selected Military Writings" by Mao. 2872
- Alex had the book upside down when he was trying to read it! 2874
- Ericka claims, after torture, Warren drove her to P.O., and she asked "Why did all that have to happen." No response from Warren. 2892
- Monday a.m. at headquarters, Sams talks about wanting to kill his mother if he ever finds her. He "described to us how she supposedly threw him to his father when he was very young in a bar one day in the South. Then he described how he had been shot by some black policemen and he described how the bullet entered and exited and he told us he had a plate in his head." 2901
- She downplays knowing Seale (mindful, obv., of conspiracy charge) (and previously in testimony, downplayed her role as leader of chapter). 2905
- Text of phone message for Bobby: Ericka =: "I was frightened." (Remember Marked on her directing Lonnie, to show she was in charge.) "Someone called from Oregon. There have been bombings at the University of Oregon. Called to your mother's house. They said it would be best if you did not come to Oregon at all. There have been threats to murder you. The brother in Oregon, who is head of the Party there, says there

have been bombings, but they have calmed down. No danger. His hummer"... etc.

"Rosemary, National Headquarters. Received by Ericka Huggins." 2916

-- Going with flashlights on Congress Avenue, looking down alleyways for Diane

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-- She claims she didn't feel, believe what she said on the tape. 3058

-- Alex tried to fight back at first when Sams beat him. He tried George, tried to fight. Kicked Warren and Ericka (Ericka by accident, Ericka claims). 3068-9

-- Maude Francis and Jeannie Wilson were the girls from New Jersey. 3129

-- Sunday night, they passed out leaflets at the dinner when Adam Clayton Powell spoke in Hartford. 3133

-- After lotsa questions about why she didn't bring her concerns to clergymen or other Panthers, Markle has interesting exchanges about why didn't ask Landon Williams ; and Ericka saying it's hard for a woman to be heard by men. 3158-9

9 -- Ericka hadn't expected to introduce Bobby at Battell. As they came in, an emcee asked her to. Within 5 minutes she was on stage. 3181

9' -- Incredible exchange on her sale intro—and whether those words brought to mind Alex Rackley. 3194-5

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MORE ERICKA HUGGINS TESTIMONY

- Next day, she and Roraback develop idea she was taping what Crazy George wanted. 3258
- Ericka being detached. Why she didn't tell Elaine on phone (phones tapped—so?) or cops. 3260-1
- Markle keeps returning to suggestion that Ericka didn't really know or care how safe her baby was—or if not that she's a bad mom, then she wasn't really scared of George Sams, or wouldn't have left the baby around there. 3290; 3292
- Markle asks why, if phones were tapped, she wouldn't tell Elaine, to bring to authorities' attention? Her answer: "I had the feeling that people who were tapping the phones were helping to kill or hurt Alex Rackley." 3310

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- 9 ■ Seale's original statement: He walked up to the New Haven office during brief visit. "Then I argued—talked..." 3327

CARLOS ASHWOOD

- (Undercover NYC cop infiltrating NYC chapter.) Landon was running the show there and directing George Sams to do stuff in the Harlem office. 3372
- Mid-May (12th?) Williams shows up, explains why he's there. They're to stop using African names (causes problems with bail); move closer to HQ (helps eliminate informers, somehow); start breakfast program. 3377
- Ashwood "joined in beating Roscoe Lee" for being 10 minutes late opening Harlem HQ. 3389 Later he specifies that he joined in the vote to beat him, then "pretended" to hit. 3396
- Went undercover and "joined" in June or July '68. Said name was Carl Woods. 3406-7

MARKLE'S FIRST SUMMATION, LAYS OUT CASE

- 3443 through 3491
- "The lack of dignity" extended to Rackley... 3454
- Ericka's conduct with baby showed she didn't fear Sams. 3456-7
- Tells jurors: Listen to voice on tape. (See extensive quotes) 3459
- The "callousness, the unrolled nature of this woman. Because..." (continues) 3469-70
- How could Ericka NOT have known after all this stuff is going on in her presence? Where did she think they were going? (Extensive quote) 3489

RORABACK'S REBUTTAL

- 3494 through 3523
- Sarcastic references to Warren. "That future political leader that Mr. Markle so regrets." "This lovely fellow." 3496
- "Those two paragons of virtue, George Sams and Warren Kimbro." 3504
- Three pages skewering Warren's new versions of key testimony damaging to Ericka. 3507-9
- Interesting argument: If Rackley is not an informer, state has no cause, because there's no "sense" in the event except for "the demented mind of George Sams." 3510
- Appelas to women: "Maybe this seems unusual or impossible for Arnold Markle, but, then, he is a man, and perhaps a few of the women in the jury will know how easy it is to have that happen" (men cutting off woman who tries to talk) 3519
- Rebuts the she should-have-called-cops line well, detailed quote about the trauma of what the cops did to her after her husband was shot. 3521

MARKLE AGAIN, GETS SO PASSIONATE!

- He's funny belittling ministers' claim of Seale being peace-loving. Also, Warren "struck down" and "taken n by this Party." 3574-5
- "Even animals don't treat their own like that I know of. But here we've got human beings." 3578
- They didn't care what happened to Rackley. Who's going to raise a hue and cry about a man from Florida, the poor man that comes from Florida and been in the party eight months? Did yo hear one voice say, "Don't do it. Stop. Help him"? No at all. There was no voice. Because they didn't care what happened to Rackley. Theyw ere in the pack and they were after Rackley, and they used him and they tossed him away all in the name—and that's what makes it so, so deadly, so sad—all in the name of something that could have been decent." 3580
- "They'll tell you just George Sams was vicious, but they all partook. How can you leave a man tied to a bed, day after day, in his own filth, not feed him, and say that you were afraid? How can you go out and go about your own business, and go home every night and sleep, and eat, and do your own daily routine, and say that you are a human being?" 3582
- 10 ■ Car ride for chicken after Seale leaves town. Suggests plot hatched then. 3596
- Yes, Sams crazy. BPP well aware of that. That's whom you pick, not a minister or rabbi, to "carry out a killing mission." 3600

MISTRIAL DECLARED 3797

JUDGE TELLS JUROR TO SAY "NO COMMENT" 3799-3800

JUDGE DENIES MARKLE MOTION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE 3804

JUDGE ON "REMARKABLE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE" OF DEFENDANTS<
ON JURY POOL EXHAUSTED, NO NEW TRIAL! 4-month jury selection saw
1,100 examined out of pool of 1,500. 3816